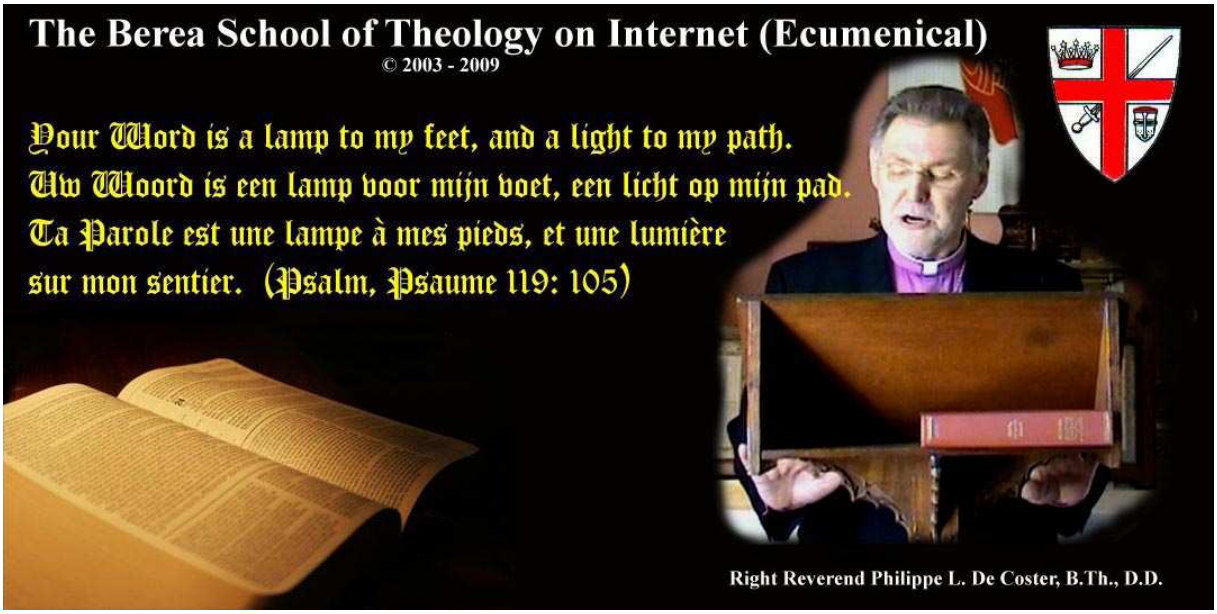

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The Authority of the Bible

Authority resides in the Bible, God's inspired Word, interpreted by the Holy Spirit, operating through appointed Spirit-taught human agents. Orthodox Protestantism differs from Catholicism in claiming no other authority than Canonical Scriptures as the only voice of the Holy Spirit.

During the Middle Ages the Church of Rome concentrated itself all authority through the episcopacy, assuming that the '*magisterium*' held the key for the interpretation of Scripture and God's divine laws. Since not so long, before Vatican II, reading an original version of the Bible was forbidden for laity. Only a limited choice of biblical stories was admitted, know as the 'Sacred History'. This movement culminated in the decree of Papal infallibility of 1870, which holds that the Roman Pontiff, when he speaks 'ex-cathedra' has that infallibility with which the Divine Saviour endowed his church, in defining a doctrine of faith and morals.

Neo-orthodox, modern and liberal wings of Protestantism deny final authority to Scripture as inerrant and infallible, substituting some internal authority such as feeling, conscience experience, as 'Christ speaking through the Holy Spirit,' etc.

The Bible was given to bear witness to the one and only God, the Architect and Creator; Sustainer of the universe, through Jesus Christ, Saviour of sinful man. The Bible presents one continuous story, that of human redemption. The biblical story is a progressive unfolding of the central truth of the Bible that God in His eternal counsels was to become incarnate in Jesus Christ for the redemption of fallen humankind and each one personally.

The unfolding of this central truth of redemption is set forth through history, prophecy, types and symbols. This revelation of human of human redemption through the Lord Jesus Christ orients man in the larger framework of God's plan for us all in the ages of time, as well as for the divine purpose in eternity.

The inspiration of the Bible has reference to the influence of God exerted over the human authors of Scripture so that the words and thoughts they recorded in the original autographs were without error.

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works. (2 Timothy 3: 16-17)" (KJV)

"If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken. (John 10:35)" (KJV)

"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. (2 Peter 1: 19-21)" (KJV)

This inspiration covers the original writings only, although a high decree of accuracy in the transmitted text is not only what is to be expected if God directed the process, but a fact demonstrated by textual criticism. And, now raises the expected question, 'What is the best English translation of the Bible?' here opinions may vary, but the opinion of the writer and many, many others, the more than four-hundred-year-old King James Version is still the very best. The countless English translations that have and continue to appear almost every year have not improved on this early work of English literature. We believe that the New King James Version of the Bible is a good variant for the modern generation, no longer dominated by "thees" and "thous". Often, it translates the name of God, or YHWH, as 'Lord', which does not convey the full meaning of the ineffable Hebrew original. And, it does what all biblical translations do,

namely, guess at the meaning of obscure words or phrases. The King James Version (Authorised Version), Key Word Study Bible (Key Insights into God's Word) solves the problem. There are times when a Greek or Hebrew word has a distinct meaning that seriously affects the proper interpretation of the Holy Scripture. Unless one is familiar with these languages, he or she will not be able to determine what word in the original text was used or the differences between these words. This Key Word Study Bible is certainly of an unspeakable help to this. (AMG Publishers). (There is a new edition available).

Divine Inspiration makes the Bible uniquely the Word of God and not merely a book containing the Word of God, and as such is different from any other book sacred or secular. It is an inspired revelation of God's redemptive plan and purposes in Christ on behalf of man, and not a revelation of natural science or a book of secular history.

Alleged scientific discrepancies are due either to faulty scientific theories or inadequate interpretations of Bible thought forms. Alleged historical blunders may be due to such factors as a faulty textual tradition, or wrong interpretation of historical or archaeological evidence of the biblical text itself.

The Bible, the written Word is God's instrument which lives and abides, and by which God's voice still speaks directly to the soul. The Word of God, therefore, comes to us with 'authority', and into the nature and scope of this only authority, we must now inquire through reading and study the Bible.

"Thou art near, O LORD; and all thy commandments are truth. Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them for ever. (Psalms 119: 151-152)" (KJV)

DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEME

Daily Reading to read the whole Bible
Dagelijkse Lezing om de gehele Bijbel te lezen
Lecture quotidienne de la Bible pour la lire entièrement

READING SUGGESTIONS

(1) Open your daily reading with prayer for the Holy Spirit's light. (Psalm 119: 18). This is most important. The knowledge of what the Bible says, or even a correct understanding of its meaning, will not of itself bring spiritual life and power. First, in a quiet act of worship, look to God to give and renew the workings of the Spirit within you; then, in a quiet act of faith, yield yourself to the power that dwells in you, and wait on Him, that not the mind alone, but the life in you, may be opened to receive the Word of God.
(2) Ask to be guided to some definite thought for yourself.
(3) Dwell prayerfully on this thought thus given. It may be a counsel, a precept, a warning, a promise, an experience, a command?
(4) When its meaning is clear, use it as the basis of a prayer for grace to realise it in experience.
(5) Yield the whole soul in full surrender to its truth and power.
(6) Link it on to truths already known, and thereby strengthen the chain of experience.
(7) Trust God to reproduce it in your life that day.

First Year Daily Biblical Reading

January – Januari – Janvier

1	Numbers 10	16	Numbers 26-27
2	Numbers 11	17	Numbers 28
3	Numbers 12-13	18	Numbers 29
4	Numbers 14	19	Numbers 30
5	Numbers 15	20	Numbers 31
6	Numbers 16	21	Numbers 32
7	Numbers 17	22	Numbers 33
8	Numbers 18	23	Numbers 34
9	Numbers 19	24	Proverbs 27
10	Numbers 20	25	Proverbs 28
11	Numbers 21	26	Proverbs 29
12	Numbers 22	27	Proverbs 30
13	Numbers 23	28	Proverbs 31
14	Numbers 24	29	Ecclesiastes 1
15	Numbers 25	30	Ecclesiastes 2

31 Ecclesiastes 3

February – Februari – Février

1 Ecclesiastes 4
2 Ecclesiastes 5
3 Ecclesiastes 6
4 Ecclesiastes 7
5 Ecclesiastes 8
6 Ecclesiastes 9
7 Ecclesiastes 10
8 Ecclesiastes 11
9 Ecclesiastes 12
10 Song of Songs 1
11 Song of Songs 2
12 Song of Songs 3
13 Song of Songs 4
14 Song of Songs 5
15 Song of Songs 6
16 Song of Songs 7
17 Song of Songs 8
18 Isaiah 1
19 Isaiah 2-3
20 Isaiah 4
21 Isaiah 5
22 Isaiah 6
23 Isaiah 7
24 Isaiah 8
25 Isaiah 9
26 Isaiah 10
27 Isaiah 11
28 Isaiah 12 - 13
29 *John 3 or other*

March – Maart – Mars

1 Genesis 1
2 Genesis 2
3 Genesis 3
4 Genesis 4
5 Genesis 5-6
6 Genesis 7-8
7 Genesis 9
8 Genesis 10
9 Genesis 11
10 Genesis 12
11 Genesis 13
12 Genesis 14
13 Genesis 15-16
14 Genesis 17
15 Genesis 18
16 Genesis 19
17 Genesis 20
18 Genesis 21
19 Genesis 22-23
20 Genesis 24
21 Genesis 25
22 Genesis 26
23 Genesis 27
24 Ezra 1
25 Ezra 2
26 Ezra 3
27 Ezra 4
28 Ezra 5
29 Ezra 6
30 Ezra 7
31 Ezra 8

April – Avril – April

1 Ezra 9
2 Ezra 10
3 Nehemiah 1-2
4 Nehemiah 3
16 Psalms 1
17 Psalms 2
18 Psalms 3-4
19 Psalms 5-6

5	Nehemiah 4
6	Nehemiah 5
7	Nehemiah 6
8	Nehemiah 7
9	Nehemiah 8
10	Nehemiah 9
11	Nehemiah 10
12	Nehemiah 11
13	Nehemiah 12
14	Nehemiah 13
15	Esther 1
20	Psalms 7
21	Psalms 8
22	Psalms 9
23	Psalms 10
24	Psalms 11
25	Psalms 12-13
26	Psalms 14
27	Psalms 15-16
28	Psalms 17
29	Psalms 18
30	Psalms 19-20

May – Mei – Mai

1	Psalms 21 -22
2	Psalms 23
3	Psalms 24
4	Psalms 25
5	Psalms 26
6	Psalms 27
7	Psalms 28-29
8	Psalms 30
9	Psalms 31
10	Psalms 32
11	Genesis 28
12	Genesis 29
13	Genesis 30
14	Genesis 31
15	Genesis 32
16	Genesis 33
17	Genesis 34
18	Genesis 35
19	Genesis 36-37
20	Genesis 38
21	Genesis 39-40
22	Genesis 41
23	Genesis 42
24	Genesis 43
25	Genesis 44
26	Genesis 45
27	Genesis 46
28	Genesis 47
29	Genesis 48
30	Genesis 49
31	Genesis 50

June – Juni – Juin

1	Exodus 1
2	Exodus 2
3	Exodus 3
4	Exodus 4
5	Exodus 5
6	Exodus 6
7	Exodus 7
8	Exodus 8
9	Exodus 9
10	Exodus 10
11	Exodus 11
12	Exodus 12
13	Exodus 13
14	Exodus 14
16	Exodus 16
17	Esther 2
18	Esther 3
19	Esther 4
20	Esther 5
21	Esther 6
22	Esther 7-8
23	Esther 9-10
24	Job 1
25	Job 2
26	Job 3
27	Job 4
28	Job 5
29	Job 6

15	Exodus 15	30	Job 7

July – Juli – Juillet

1	Job 8	16	Job 23
2	Job 9	17	Job 24
3	Job 10	18	Job 25-6
4	Job 11	19	Job 27
5	Job 12	20	Job 29
6	Job 13	21	Job 30
7	Job 14	22	Job 31
8	Job 15	23	Psalms 33
9	Job 16	24	Psalms 34
10	Job 17	25	Psalms 35
11	Job 18	26	Psalms 36
12	Job 19	27	Psalms 37
13	Job 20	28	Psalms 38
14	Job 21	29	Psalms 39
15	Job 22	30	Psalms 40
		31	Psalms 41

August – Augustus – Août

1	Psalms 42	16	Psalms 62
2	Psalms 43-44	17	Psalms 63-64
3	Psalms 45	18	Psalms 65
4	Psalms 46	19	Psalms 66
5	Psalms 47-48	20	Psalms 67
6	Psalms 49	21	Psalms 68
7	Psalms 50	22	Psalms 69
8	Psalms 51	23	Psalms 70
9	Psalms 52	24	Psalms 71
10	Psalms 53-54	25	Psalms 72
11	Psalms 55	26	Exodus 17
12	Psalms 56	27	Exodus 18
13	Psalms 57-58	28	Exodus 19
14	Psalms 59	29	Exodus 20
15	Psalms 60-61	30	Exodus 21
		31	Exodus 22

September – Septembre

1	Exodus 23	16	Exodus 38
2	Exodus 24	17	Exodus 39
3	Exodus 25	18	Exodus 40
4	Exodus 26	19	Leviticus 1-2
5	Exodus 27	20	Leviticus 3-4
6	Exodus 28	21	Leviticus 5

7	Exodus 29
8	Exodus 30
9	Exodus 31
10	Exodus 32
11	Exodus 33
12	Exodus 34
13	Exodus 35
14	Exodus 36
15	Exodus 37
22	Leviticus 6
23	Leviticus 7
24	Leviticus 8
25	Leviticus 9
26	Leviticus 10
27	Leviticus 11-12
28	Leviticus 13-14
29	Leviticus 15
30	Leviticus 16-17

October - Octobre

1	Job 32
2	Job 33
3	Job 34
4	Job 35
5	Job 36
6	Job 37
7	Job 38
8	Job 39
9	Job 40
10	Job 41
11	Job 42
12	Proverbs 1
13	Proverbs 2
14	Proverbs 3
15	Proverbs 4
16	Proverbs 5
17	Proverbs 6
18	Proverbs 7
19	Proverbs 8
20	Proverbs 9
21	Proverbs 10
22	Proverbs 11
23	Proverbs 12
24	Proverbs 13
25	Proverbs 14
26	Proverbs 15
27	Proverbs 16
28	Proverbs 17
29	Proverbs 18
30	Proverbs 19
31	Proverbs 20

November - Novembre

1	Proverbs 21
2	Proverbs 22
3	Proverbs 23
4	Proverbs 24
5	Proverbs 25
6	Proverbs 26
7	Psalms 73
8	Psalms 74
9	Psalms 75
10	Psalms 76
11	Psalms 77
12	Psalms 78
13	Psalms 79
14	Psalms 80
15	Psalms 81
16	Psalms 82
17	Psalms 83
18	Psalms 84
19	Psalms 85
20	Psalms 86
21	Psalms 87
22	Psalms 88
23	Psalms 89
24	Psalms 90
25	Psalms 91
26	Psalms 92-93
27	Malachi 1
28	Malachi 2
29	Malachi 3
30	Malachi 4

December – Décembre

1	Psalms 94
2	Psalms 95
3	Psalms 96
4	Psalms 97
5	Psalms 98-99
6	Psalms 100-101
7	Psalms 102
8	Psalms 103
9	Psalms 104
10	Psalms 105
11	Psalms 106
12	Psalms 107
13	Psalms 108
14	Psalms 109
15	Psalms 110-111
16	Psalms 112-113
17	Psalms 114
18	Leviticus 18
19	Leviticus 19
20	Leviticus 20
21	Leviticus 21-22
22	Leviticus 23
23	Leviticus 24
24	Leviticus 25
25	Leviticus 26
26	Leviticus 27
27	Numbers 1 - 5
28	Numbers 6
29	Numbers 7
30	Numbers 8
31	Numbers 9

Second Year Daily Biblical Reading

January – Januari – Janvier

1	Psalms 115
2	Psalms 116
3	Psalms 117-118
4	Psalms 119
5	Psalms 120
6	Psalms 121-122
7	Psalms 123-124
8	Psalms 125-126
9	Psalms 127-128
10	Psalms 129-130
11	Psalms 131-132
12	Psalms 133-134
13	Psalms 135
14	Psalms 136
15	Psalms 137
16	Psalms 138
17	Psalms 139
18	Psalms 140
19	Psalms 141
20	Psalms 142
21	Psalms 143
22	Psalms 144
23	Psalms 145
24	Psalms 146
25	Psalms 147
26	Psalms 148
27	Psalms 149
28	Psalms 150
29	Matthew 1
30	Matthew 2
31	Matthew 3

February – Februari – Février

1	Matthew 4
2	Matthew 5
3	Matthew 6
4	Matthew 7
16	Deuteronomy 8
17	Deuteronomy 9
18	Deuteronomy 10
19	Deuteronomy 11

5	**Matthew 8**
6	**Matthew 9**
7	**Numbers 35**
8	**Numbers 36**
9	**Deuteronomy 1**
10	**Deuteronomy 2**
11	**Deuteronomy 3**
12	**Deuteronomy 4**
13	**Deuteronomy 5**
14	**Deuteronomy 6**
15	**Deuteronomy 7**
20	**Deuteronomy 12**
21	**Deuteronomy 13**
22	**Deuteronomy 14**
23	**Deuteronomy 15**
24	**Deuteronomy 16**
25	**Deuteronomy 17**
26	**Deuteronomy 18**
27	**Deuteronomy 19**
28	**Deuteronomy 20**
29	***Matthew 27 or other***

March – Maart - Mars

1	**Deuteronomy 21**
2	**Deuteronomy 22**
3	**Deuteronomy 23**
4	**Deuteronomy 24**
5	**Deuteronomy 25**
6	**Deuteronomy 26**
7	**Deuteronomy 27**
8	**Deuteronomy 28**
9	**Deuteronomy 29**
10	**Deuteronomy 30**
11	**Deuteronomy 31**
12	**Deuteronomy 32**
13	**Deuteronomy 33**
14	**Deuteronomy 34**
15	**Joshua 1**
16	**Isaiah 14**
17	**Isaiah 15**
18	**Isaiah 16**
19	**Isaiah 17**
20	**Isaiah 18**
21	**Isaiah 19**
22	**Isaiah 20 - 21**
23	**Isaiah 22**
24	**Isaiah 23**
25	**Isaiah 24**
26	**Isaiah 25**
27	**Isaiah 26**
28	**Isaiah 27**
29	**Isaiah 28**
30	**Isaiah 29**
31	**Isaiah 30**

April – Avril

1	**Isaiah 31**
2	**Isaiah 32**
3	**Isaiah 33**
4	**Isaiah 34**
5	**Isaiah 35**
6	**Isaiah 36**
7	**Isaiah 37**
8	**Isaiah 38**
9	**Isaiah 39**
10	**Isaiah 40**
11	**Isaiah 41**
12	**Isaiah 42**
13	**Isaiah 43**
14	**Isaiah 44**
15	**Isaiah 45**
16	**Isaiah 46**
17	**Isaiah 47**
18	**Isaiah 48**
19	**Isaiah 49**
20	**Isaiah 50**
21	**Isaiah 51**
22	**Matthew 10**
23	**Matthew 11**
24	**Matthew 12**
25	**Matthew 13**
26	**Matthew 14**
27	**Matthew 15**
28	**Matthew 16**
29	**Matthew 17**
30	**Matthew 18**

May – Mei – Mai

1	Matthew 19
2	Matthew 20
3	Matthew 21
4	Matthew 22
5	Matthew 23
6	Matthew 24
7	Matthew 25
8	Matthew 26
9	Matthew 27
10	Matthew 28
11	Mark 1
12	Mark 2
13	Mark 3
14	Mark 4
15	Mark 5
16	Mark 6
17	Mark 7
18	Mark 8
19	Mark 9
20	Mark 10
21	Mark 11
22	Mark 12
23	Mark 13
24	Mark 14
25	Mark 15-16
26	Luke 1
27	Luke 2
28	Luke 3
29	Joshua 2
30	Joshua 3
31	Joshua 4

June – Juni – Juin

1	Joshua 5
2	Joshua 6
3	Joshua 7
4	Joshua 8
5	Joshua 9
6	Joshua 10
7	Joshua 11 - 12
8	Joshua 13 - 14
9	Joshua 15
10	Joshua 16
11	Joshua 17 - 18
12	Joshua 19
13	Joshua 20
14	Joshua 21
15	Joshua 22
16	Joshua 23
17	Joshua 24
18	Judges 1
19	Judges 2
20	Judges 3
21	Judges 4
22	Judges 5
23	Judges 6
24	Judges 7
25	Judges 8
26	Judges 9
27	Judges 10
28	Judges 11
29	Judges 12
30	Judges 13

July – Juli – Juillet

1	Judges 14
2	Judges 15
3	Judges 16
4	Judges 17
5	Isaiah 52
6	Isaiah 53
7	Isaiah 54
8	Isaiah 55
9	Isaiah 56
16	Isaiah 63
17	Isaiah 64
18	Isaiah 65
19	Isaiah 66
20	Jeremiah 1
21	Jeremiah 2
22	Jeremiah 3
23	Jeremiah 4
24	Jeremiah 5

10	Isaiah 57
11	Isaiah 58
12	Isaiah 59
13	Isaiah 60
14	Isaiah 61
15	Isaiah 62
25	Jeremiah 6
26	Jeremiah 7
27	Jeremiah 8
28	Jeremiah 9
29	Jeremiah 10
30	Jeremiah 11
31	Jeremiah 12

August – Augustus – Août

1	Jeremiah 13
2	Jeremiah 14
3	Jeremiah 15
4	Jeremiah 16
5	Jeremiah 17
6	Jeremiah 18
7	Jeremiah 19
8	Jeremiah 20
9	Jeremiah 21
10	Jeremiah 22
11	Luke 4
12	Luke 5
13	Luke 6
14	Luke 7
15	Luke 8
16	Luke 9
17	Luke 10
18	Luke 11
19	Luke 12
20	Luke 13
21	Luke 14
22	Luke 15
23	Luke 16
24	Luke 17
25	Luke 18
26	Luke 19
27	Luke 20
28	Luke 21
29	Luke 22
30	Luke 23
31	Luke 24

September – Septembre

1	John 1
2	John 2
3	John 3
4	John 4
5	John 5
6	John 6
7	John 7
8	John 8
9	John 9
10	John 10
11	John 11
12	John 12
13	John 13
14	John 14
15	John 15
16	John 16
17	Judges 18
18	Judges 19
19	Judges 20
20	Judges 21
21	Ruth 1
22	Ruth 2
23	Ruth 3
24	Ruth 4
25	1 Samuel 1
26	1 Samuel 2
27	1 Samuel 3
28	1 Samuel 4
29	1 Samuel 5
30	1 Samuel 6

October - Octobre

1	1 Samuel 7
2	1 Samuel 8
16	1 Samuel 22
17	1 Samuel 23

3	1 Samuel 9
4	1 Samuel 10
5	1 Samuel 11
6	1 Samuel 12
7	1 Samuel 13
8	1 Samuel 14
9	1 Samuel 15
10	1 Samuel 16
11	1 Samuel 17
12	1 Samuel 18
13	1 Samuel 19
14	1 Samuel 20
15	1 Samuel 21
18	1 Samuel 24
19	1 Samuel 25
20	1 Samuel 26
21	1 Samuel 27
22	1 Samuel 28
23	1 Samuel 29
24	Jeremiah 23
25	Jeremiah 24
26	Jeremiah 25
27	Jeremiah 26
28	Jeremiah 27
29	Jeremiah 28
30	Jeremiah 29
31	Jeremiah 30

November - Novembre

1	Jeremiah 31
2	Jeremiah 32
3	Jeremiah 33
4	Jeremiah 34
5	Jeremiah 35
6	Jeremiah 36
7	Jeremiah 37
8	Jeremiah 38
9	Jeremiah 39
10	Jeremiah 40
11	Jeremiah 41
12	Jeremiah 42
13	Jeremiah 43
14	Jeremiah 44
15	Jeremiah 45-46
16	Jeremiah 47
17	Jeremiah 48
18	Jeremiah 49
19	Jeremiah 50
20	Jeremiah 51
21	Jeremiah 52
22	Lamentations 1
23	Lamentations 2
24	Lamentations 3
25	Lamentations 4
26	Lamentations 5
27	Ezekiel 1
28	Ezekiel 2
29	Ezekiel 3
30	John 17

December – Décembre

1	John 18
2	John 19
3	John 20
4	John 21
5	Acts 1
6	Acts 2
7	Acts 3
8	Acts 4
9	Acts 5
10	Acts 6
11	Acts 7
12	Acts 8
13	Acts 9
14	Acts 10
16	Acts 12
17	Acts 13
18	Acts 14
19	Acts 15
20	Acts 16
21	Acts 17
22	Acts 18
23	Acts 19
24	Acts 20
25	Acts 21
26	Acts 22
27	Acts 23
28	Acts 24
29	Acts 25

15	Acts 11	30	Acts 26
		31	Acts 27

Third Year Daily Biblical Reading

January – Januari – Janvier

1	Acts 28	16	2 Samuel 9
2	Romans 1	17	2 Samuel 10
3	Romans 2	18	2 Samuel 11
4	Romans 3	19	2 Samuel 12
5	Romans 4	20	2 Samuel 13
6	1 Samuel 30	21	2 Samuel 14
7	1 Samuel 31	22	2 Samuel 15
8	2 Samuel 1	23	2 Samuel 16
9	2 Samuel 2	24	2 Samuel 17
10	2 Samuel 3	25	2 Samuel 18
11	2 Samuel 4	26	2 Samuel 19
12	2 Samuel 5	27	2 Samuel 20
13	2 Samuel 6	28	2 Samuel 21
14	2 Samuel 7	29	2 Samuel 22
15	2 Samuel 8	30	2 Samuel 23
		31	1 Kings 1

February – Februari – Février

1	1 Kings 2	16	Ezekiel 8
2	1 Kings 3	17	Ezekiel 9
3	1 Kings 4	18	Ezekiel 10
4	1 Kings 5	19	Ezekiel 11
5	1 Kings 6	20	Ezekiel 12
6	1 Kings 7	21	Ezekiel 13
7	1 Kings 8	22	Ezekiel 14
8	1 Kings 9	23	Ezekiel 15
9	1 Kings 10	24	Ezekiel 16
10	1 Kings 11	25	Ezekiel 17
11	1 Kings 12	26	Ezekiel 18
12	Ezekiel 4	27	Ezekiel 19
13	Ezekiel 5	28	Ezekiel 20
14	Ezekiel 6	29	*Psalms 119 or other*
15	Ezekiel 7		

March – Maart – Mars

1	Ezekiel 21
2	Ezekiel 22
3	Ezekiel 23
4	Ezekiel 24
5	Ezekiel 25
6	Ezekiel 26
7	Ezekiel 27
8	Ezekiel 28
9	Ezekiel 29
10	Ezekiel 30
11	Ezekiel 31
12	Ezekiel 32
13	Ezekiel 33
14	Ezekiel 34
15	Ezekiel 35
16	Ezekiel 36
17	Ezekiel 37
18	Ezekiel 38
19	Ezekiel 39
20	Ezekiel 40
21	Romans 5
22	Romans 6
23	Romans 7
24	Romans 8
25	Romans 9
26	Romans 10
27	Romans 11
28	Romans 12 - 13
29	Romans 14
30	Romans 15
31	Romans 16

April – Avril

1	1 Corinthians 1
2	1 Corinthians 2
3	1 Corinthians 3
4	1 Corinthians 4
5	1 Corinthians 5
6	1 Corinthians 6
7	1 Corinthians 7
8	1 Corinthians 8
9	1 Corinthians 9
10	1 Corinthians 10
11	1 Corinthians 11
12	1 Corinthians 12
13	1 Corinthians 13
14	1 Corinthians 14
15	1 Corinthians 15
16	1 Corinthians 16
17	2 Corinthians 1
18	2 Corinthians 2
19	2 Corinthians 3
20	2 Corinthians 4
21	2 Corinthians 5
22	2 Corinthians 6
23	2 Corinthians 7
24	2 Corinthians 8
25	2 Corinthians 9
26	1 Kings 13
27	1 Kings 14
28	1 Kings 15
29	1 Kings 16
30	1 Kings 17

May – Mei – Mai

1	1 Kings 18
2	1 Kings 19
3	1 Kings 20
4	1 Kings 21
5	1 Kings 22
6	2 Kings 1
7	2 Kings 2
8	2 Kings 3
9	2 Kings 4
16	2 Kings 11
17	2 Kings 12
18	2 Kings 13
19	2 Kings 14
20	2 Kings 15
21	2 Kings 16
22	2 Kings 17
23	2 Kings 18
24	2 Kings 19

10	2 Kings 5
11	2 Kings 6
12	2 Kings 7
13	2 Kings 8
14	2 Kings 9
15	2 Kings 10
25	2 Kings 20
26	2 Kings 21
27	2 Kings 22
28	2 Kings 23
29	2 Kings 24
30	2 Kings 25
31	1 Chronicles 1-9

June – Juni – Juin

1	1 Chronicles 10
2	Ezekiel 41
3	Ezekiel 42
4	Ezekiel 43
5	Ezekiel 44
6	Ezekiel 45
7	Ezekiel 46
8	Ezekiel 47
9	Ezekiel 48
10	Daniel 1
11	Daniel 2
12	Daniel 3
13	Daniel 4
14	Daniel 5
15	Daniel 6
16	Daniel 7
17	Daniel 8
18	Daniel 9
19	Daniel 10
20	Daniel 11
21	Daniel 12
22	Hosea 1
23	Hosea 2
24	Hosea 3-4
25	Hosea 5
26	Hosea 6
27	Hosea 7-8
28	Hosea 9
29	Hosea 10
30	Hosea 11-12

July – Juli – Juillet

1	Hosea 13
2	Hosea 14
3	Joel 1
4	Joel 2
5	Joel 3
6	Amos 1
7	Amos 2
8	Amos 3
9	2 Corinthians 10
10	2 Corinthians 11
11	2 Corinthians 12-13
12	Galatians 1
13	Galatians 2
14	Galatians 3
15	Galatians 4
16	Galatians 5-6
17	Ephesians 1
18	Ephesians 2
19	Ephesians 3
20	Ephesians 4
21	Ephesians 5
22	Ephesians 6
23	Philippians 1
24	Philippians 2
25	Philippians 3
26	Philippians 4
27	Colossians 1
28	Colossians 2
29	Colossians 3
30	Colossians 4
31	1 Thessalonians 1-2

August – Augustus – Août

1	1 Thessalonians 3
2	1 Thessalonians 4-5
3	2 Thessalonians 1
4	2 Thessalonians 2-3
5	1 Timothy 1
6	1 Timothy 2
7	1 Timothy 3
8	1 Timothy 4
9	1 Timothy 5
10	1 Timothy 6
11	2 Timothy 1
12	2 Timothy 2
13	2 Timothy 3
14	2 Timothy 4
15	Titus 1
16	Titus 2
17	Titus 3
18	1 Chronicles 11
19	1 Chronicles 12
20	1 Chronicles 13
21	1 Chronicles 14
22	1 Chronicles 15
23	1 Chronicles 16
24	1 Chronicles 17
25	1 Chronicles 18
26	1 Chronicles 19
27	1 Chronicles 20
28	1 Chronicles 21
29	1 Chronicles 22
30	1 Chronicles 23-27
31	1 Chronicles 28

September – Septembre

1	1 Chronicles 29
2	2 Chronicles 1
3	2 Chronicles 2-3
4	2 Chronicles 4
5	2 Chronicles 5
6	2 Chronicles 6
7	2 Chronicles 7
8	2 Chronicles 8
9	2 Chronicles 9
10	2 Chronicles 10
11	2 Chronicles 11
12	2 Chronicles 12-13
13	2 Chronicles 14
14	2 Chronicles 15-16
15	2 Chronicles 17
16	2 Chronicles 18
17	2 Chronicles 19
18	2 Chronicles 20
19	2 Chronicles 21
20	2 Chronicles 22-23
21	2 Chronicles 24
22	2 Chronicles 25
23	2 Chronicles 26
24	Amos 4
25	Amos 5
26	Amos 6
27	Amos 7
28	Amos 8
29	Amos 9
30	Obadiah

October - Octobre

1	Jonah 1
2	Jonah 2
3	Jonah 3
4	Jonah 4
5	Micah 1
6	Micah 2-3
7	Micah 4
8	Micah 5
9	Micah 6
10	Micah 7
16	Habakkuk 3
17	Zephaniah 1
18	Zephaniah 2
19	Zephaniah 3
20	Haggai 1
21	Haggai 2
22	Zechariah 1
23	Zechariah 2
24	Zechariah 3
25	Zechariah 4

11	Nahum 1
12	Nahum 2
13	Nahum 3
14	Habakkuk 1
15	Habakkuk 2
26	Zechariah 5
27	Zechariah 6
28	Zechariah 7
29	Zechariah 8
30	Zechariah 9
31	Philemon

November - Novembre

1	Hebrews 1
2	Hebrews 2
3	Hebrews 3
4	Hebrews 4-5
5	Hebrews 6
6	Hebrews 7-8
7	Hebrews 9
8	Hebrews 10
9	Hebrews 11
10	Hebrews 12
11	Hebrews 13
12	James 1
13	James 2
14	James 3
15	James 4-5
16	1 Peter 1
17	1 Peter 2
18	1 Peter 3
19	1 Peter 4-5
20	2 Peter 1
21	2 Peter 2
22	2 Peter 3
23	1 John 1-2
24	1 John 3
25	1 John 4
26	1 John 5
27	2 and 3 John
28	Jude
29	Revelation 1
30	Revelation 2

December – Décembre

1	Revelation 3
2	Revelation 4-5
3	Revelation 6
4	Revelation 7-8
5	Revelation 9
6	Revelation 10-11
7	2 Chronicles 27-28
8	2 Chronicles 29
9	2 Chronicles 30
10	2 Chronicles 31
11	2 Chronicles 32
12	2 Chronicles 33
13	2 Chronicles 34
14	2 Chronicles 35
15	2 Chronicles 36
16	Zechariah 10
17	Zechariah 11
18	Zechariah 12
19	Zechariah 13
20	Zechariah 14
21	Revelation 12
22	Revelation 13
23	Revelation 14
24	Revelation 15
25	Revelation 16
26	Revelation 17
27	Revelation 18
28	Revelation 19
29	Revelation 20
30	Revelation 21
31	Revelation 22

Short Commentary on above biblical books

The Old Testament

The Pentateuch of Torah

Genesis

Story of creation and the early ages of humankind; stories of the Hebrew patriarchs and matriarchs; Jacob's sons go down to Egypt.

Exodus

The Hebrew tribes are enslaved in Egypt; Moses frees the slaves and leads them through the desert where they received the commandments.

Leviticus

The tribes continue their nomadic existence in the desert, where they are taught the priestly laws.

Numbers

The tribes are forged into one people under the priestly laws as they end their wandering in the Sinai desert and prepare to enter the Promised Land.

Deuteronomy

Moses reviews the commandments taught during the exodus and prepares the people for entering the Promised Land.

The Historical Books

Joshua

Moses' heir, Joshua, leads the conquest of the Promised Land. The land on both sides of the Jordan River is divided among twelve tribes of Israel.

Judges

After the death of Joshua, the tribes remain separated from one another, and are led by judges, some of the best known being Deborah, Gideon, Samson, and Jephthah.

Ruth

The story of Ruth the Moabite who, loyal to her Judean mother-in-law, follows her back to Judea after the death of her own husband, and becomes the ancestor of King David.

1 Samuel

A king goes wrong. At that time of the prophet Samuel, the people ask this leader to crown a king who would unite all the tribes. The prophet selects Saul, who fails him, and subsequently David, who becomes Israel's greatest king.

2 Samuel

A king after God's heart – but flawed.

1 Kings

The wisdom and folly of Solomon and his heirs. The period of the Kings of Israel and Judea lasts for about five centuries, with many ups and downs in the fortunes of Israel. The Kingdom, after the time of Solomon, David's son, divides in two, and eventually both kingdoms are destroyed, along, with the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, and the people are exiled to Babylonia.

2 Kings

The decline and fall of two kingdoms.

1 Chronicles

Temple records until David's death. A summary of biblical history from Adam to the time of Ezra and Nehemiah, focusing on the history of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem.

2 Chronicles

From Solomon's reign until David's death.

Ezra

The return of the Jews from exile under the leadership of the scribe Ezra.

Nehemiah

The rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem under Nehemiah

Esther

A story about the rescue of the Jews in Persia during the second exile through the good offices of the king's Jewish wife, Queen Esther. A foreign queen is able to save her people.

Poetical Books

Job

A dramatic dialogue about suffering. A parable about a righteous man tested by God, who has to cope with undeserved calamities and who, after various discussions with friends about divine justice, vindicates himself.

Psalms

Poems, prayers, meditations, words of wisdom, arranged in 150 chapters, and attributed primarily to King David. Israel's Hymnbook

Proverbs

Moral instruction based on folk wisdom or common sense sayings, attributed to King Solomon in his mid-life.

Ecclesiastes

Observations about the meaning of life, striking a sceptical note and advocating moderation. Attributed to King Solomon in his old age. The search for the meaning of life.

Son of Songs

A love poem in which the young King Solomon is in love with a young shepherdess, believed to be an allegory of the love between God and Israel.

Major Prophets

Isaiah

God and the nations. Isaiah chastises Jerusalem after the fall of the Northern Kingdom, and predicts world peace at the "end of days." The book also includes Second Isaiah, a later prophet who proclaims the return to Zion and the renewal of the covenant.

Jeremiah

Commentary on the collapsing society. Living during the fall of Jerusalem, Jeremiah is not able to persuade his people to repent and be saved. He predicts the return to Zion in 70 years, which happens almost to the day.

Lamentations

Crying over a fallen nature. Poems lamenting the destruction of Jerusalem and the First Holy Temple, attributed to the prophet Jeremiah.

Ezekiel

A prophet in a refugee camp. Exiled to Babylonia before the fall of Jerusalem, Ezekiel foresees the fall, and sees the return in his dry bones vision.

Daniel

From prison to glory in a strange land. The story of a Jew during the Babylonian Exile who is saved from the lion's den and is granted divine visions.

Minor Prophets

Hosea

A story of love and faithlessness. Hosea lives before the fall of the two kingdoms. He affirms God's love for Israel, and urges his people to return to God.

Joel

The locusts and the day of the Lord. Joel predicts destruction, using the example of a plague of locusts, and ends with a promise of redemption.

Amos

A shepherd's warning. Amos is the great champion of social justice among the later prophets, although he claims he is not a prophet.

Obadiah

The pride that comes before a fall. Obadiah prophesies judgment on Edom and rescue for Israel.

Jonah

The prophet and his prejudices. Jonah refusing to prophesy, runs away from God, drowns and is swallowed by a big fish, but is subsequently rescued.

Micah

The poor man's prophet. A contemporary of Isaiah, Micah asks his people to "do justice, love, mercy, and walk humbly before God.

Nahum

The second warning for Nineveh. After the fall of Assyria in 612 B.C.E., Nahum predicts salvation for the Kingdom of Judah.

Habakkuk

How to carry on when things do not get better! Habakkuk raises the question of the power of evil in the world, but he affirms his faith in God.

Zephaniah

Zephaniah predicts world destruction and the redemption of Israel.

Haggai

God's house and your house. Haggai lives during the return to Zion from Babylonian exile. He encourages the returned exiles to rebuild the Holy Temple.

Zechariah

Thinking big. Zechariah works with Haggai on motivating the returned exiles to rebuild the Temple. He provides spiritual guidance.

Malachi

A blow at hypocrisy. Malachi ends the prophetic era reaffirming ethical principles for the renewed community in the province of Judah.

Remarks

Do we know the exact dates of biblical events in the Old Testament ?

Chronologies in antiquity were not accurate. Events from the time of the creation of the world to the time of Abraham have no verifiable dates, and are best regarded as biblical prehistory. From Abraham to the time of the kings of Israel dates are approximate. Thereafter, the dates become more precise.

The following is a snapshot of biblical dates of the Old Testament:

Prehistory (dates unclear)

Creation of the world
Adam and Eve
Cain and Abel
Noach and the flood
Tower of Babel

History (B.C.E.)

1850 – Abraham leaves Ur
1700 – Jacob and his sons go down to Egypt
1280 - Exodus from Egypt led by Moses
1240 - Joshua's conquest of Canaan

1150 – 1050 – Period of the Judges
1020 – Samuel crowns Saul
1000 – David consolidates the kingdom
960 – Solomon builds the Temple
920 – Kingdom splits
870 – King Ahab and the prophet Elijah
840 – The prophet Elisha
780 – Prophets Amos and Hosea
760 – King Uzziah and the Prophet Isaiah
722 – Fall of the Northern Kingdom
620 – King Josiah's reform
586 – Fall of Jerusalem; Babylonian Exile; the Prophet Jeremiah exiled to Egypt; the Prophet Ezekiel prophesies in Babylonia
550 – The Prophet Second Isaiah
539 – Cyrus the Great conquers Babylon
516 – Return from exile; Temple rebuilt
450 – Ezra and Nehemiah; end of an era.
333 – Alexander the Great conquers the world
300 – Hellenistic civilisation; Ptolemy of Egypt rules Israel
165 - Maccabean victory against Antiochus; Temple rededicated.

The New Testament

The Gospels

Matthew

Jesus, the promised King. To show that Jesus of Nazareth was the kingly Messiah to come in the Old Testament prophesy.

Mark

Jesus, a man of action. Christ the tireless servant of God and man.

Luke

Jesus, Saviour in the world. Luke gives a connected and orderly narrative of the life of Jesus Christ as seen by eyewitnesses.

John

Jesus, an inside look. Inspiring all to faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Saviour.

The Early Church

Acts of the Apostles

The Early Constitutional Church of Christ in Action. The history and the development of the early church, from the ascension of Christ, furthered by the ministry of the apostles from the day of Pentecost through the Holy Spirit. The Age of the Holy Spirit has began here.

The Epistles of Paul

Romans

How God puts people right. Justification by faith and sanctification through the Holy Spirit.

1 and 2 Corinthians

The church in a fast-moving city. The cleansing of the church from false conceptions of the ministry, intellectual pride, social evils, and other disorders. In both epistles are seen that there were elements in this church which tended to discredit the Christian ministry and authority.

Galatians

Set free. A defence of the doctrine of justification by faith, warnings against reversion to Judaism, and a vindication to Paul's apostleship.

Ephesians

God's plan for the world. The unity of the Constitutional Church of Christ, especially between Jews and Gentile believers.

Philippians

Joy in jail. It is a pastoral love letter to the church, filled with warm affection and gratitude. However, written under hard circumstances, while Paul was a prisoner, and yet emphasising victory and joy.

Colossians

The old and the new. The warming against in trusting in worldly knowledge which also appears in 1 Corinthians and in Colossians.

1 and 2 Thessalonians

True faith and scaremongering. The two letters are the most personal letters of all Paul's writings. The body of the letters consist chiefly of commendations, personal reminiscences, counsel and exhortations. The central truth is deeply emphasised, namely the future hope of the coming of Christ.

1 and 2 Timothy, and Titus

Special agents. Counsel and urgent exhortations relating to ministerial duties and doctrines, with special emphasis on maintaining good works.

Philemon

Returning slave. A private letter of intercession by the apostle Paul, probably from Rome, and sent to Philemon at Colosse. (Colossians: 4: 7-9).

Pastoral Epistles

Hebrews

In the Old Testament in the New. The chief doctrinal purpose of the writer was to show the transcendent glory of the Christian age as compared as that of the Old Testament.

James

Practical Christianity, manifesting itself with good works, contrasted with mere profession of faith.

1 Peter

Courage in suffering. Peter obeying two specific commands Jesus had given him. To encourage and strengthen the brothers (Luke 22: 32); and, to feed the flock of God (John 21: 15-17).

2 Peter

Prepared for the end; and a warning against false teachers and scoffers.

1, 2 and 3 John

Love and what it means. God is life, light, an righteous love, calling to holy living, truth and brotherly love by the believers, namely Christian hospitality.

Jude

Faith under attack. Warning to the church against immoral teachers and alarming heresies which were endangering the faith of the believers.

Prophecy

Revelation

Events past and future, in symbols. Methods of interpretation: the preterist (already fulfilled prophesy), the futurist (forecasting universal history); the historicist (symbolic portrayals of church history, from the New Alliance to the end of age); the eclectic, or idealist, stressing the spiritual principles of the book and does not attempt to dogmatise on details of the more mysterious visions.

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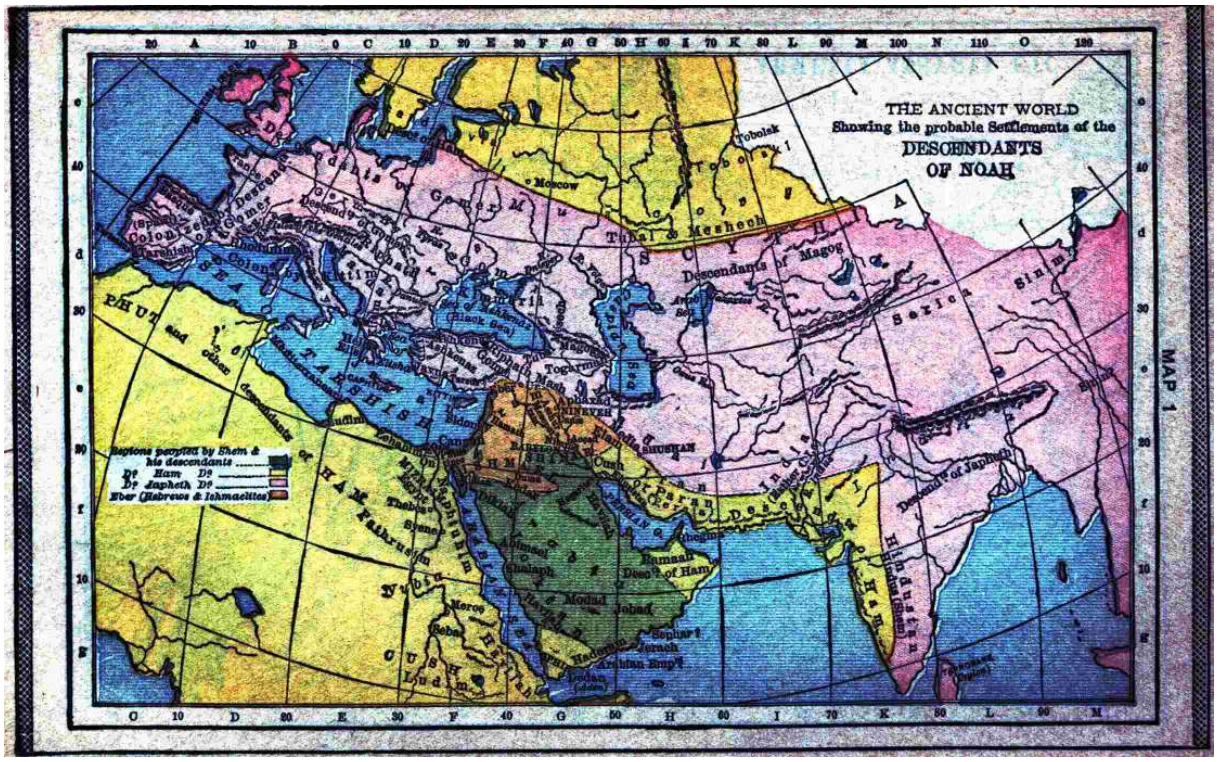

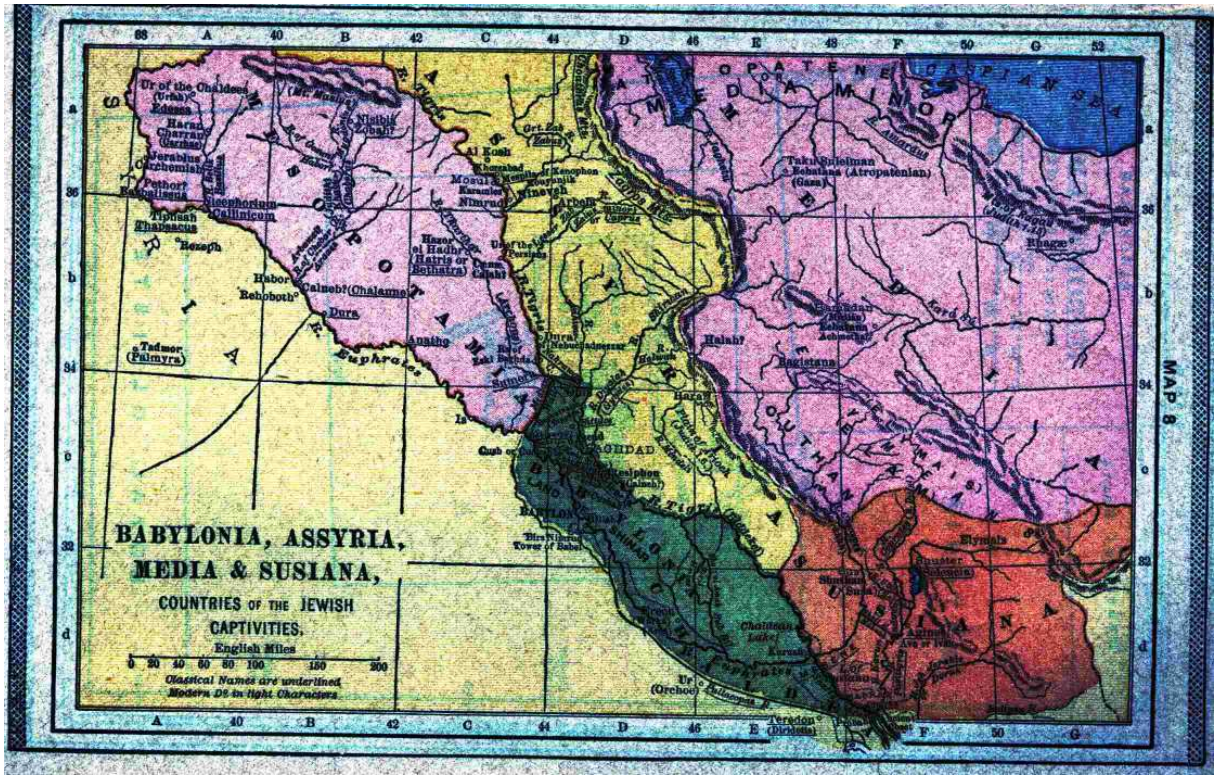
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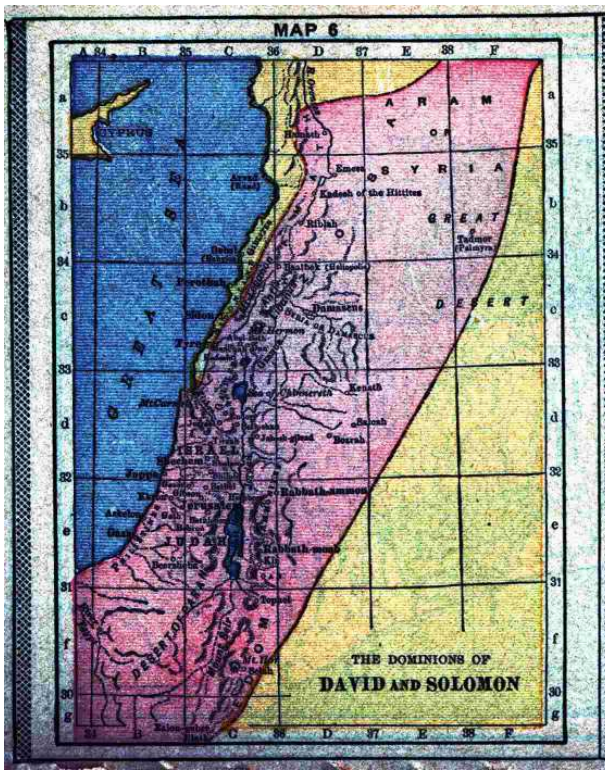
COUNTRIES OF THE JEWISH
CAPTIVITIES.
English Miles
Classical Names are underlined.
Modern DS in light Characters.
MAP 8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THE DOMINIONS OF
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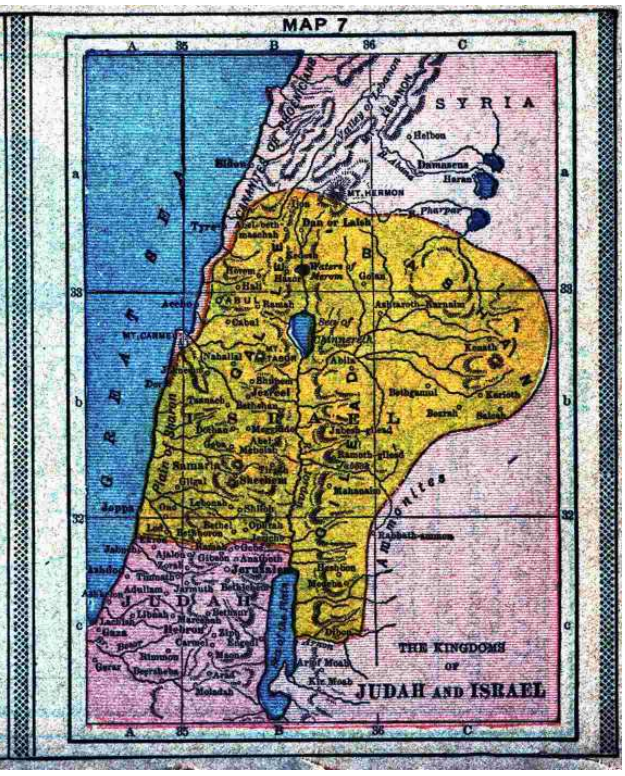
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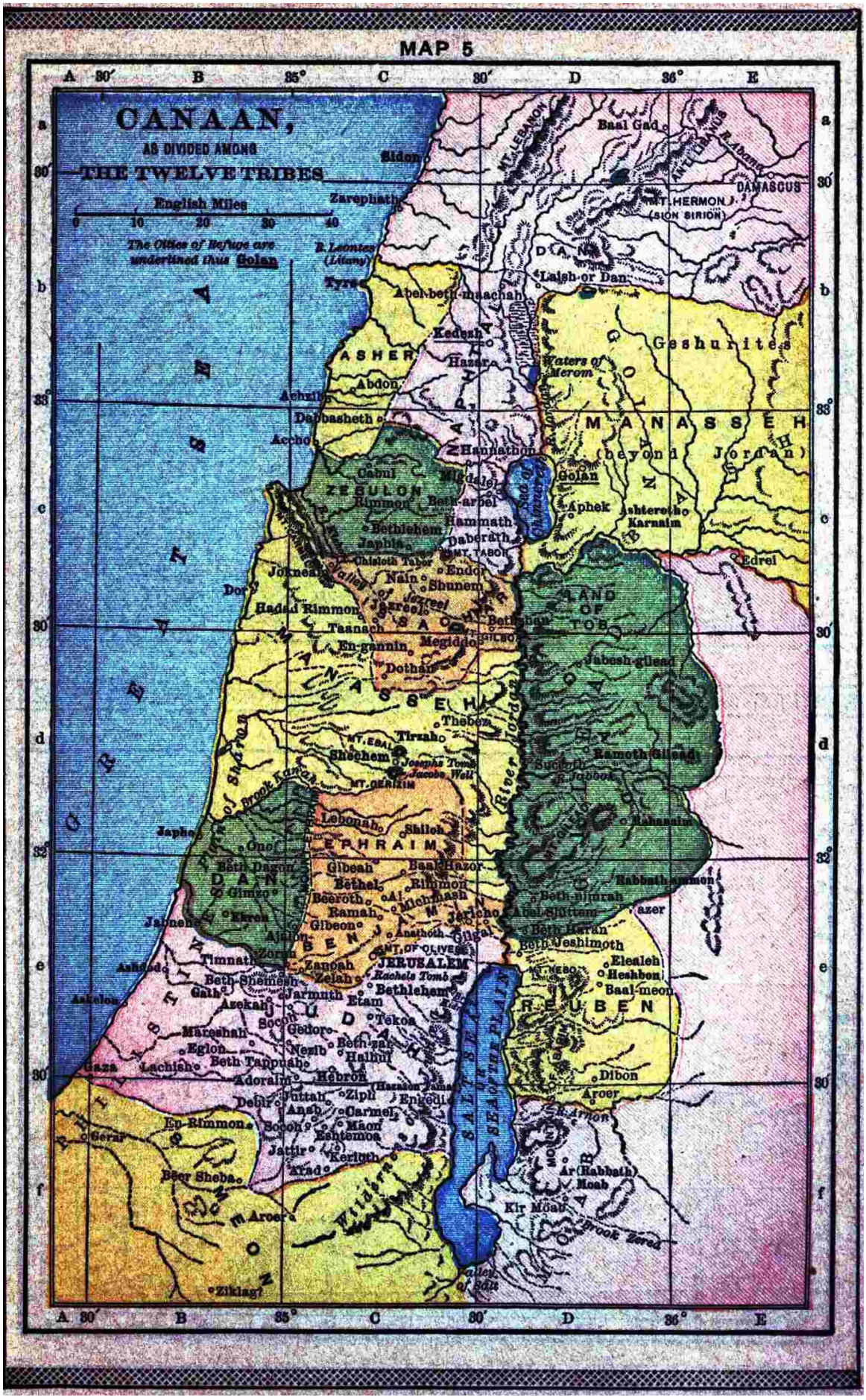
THE KINGDOMS
OF
JUDAH AND ISRAEL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CANAAN,
AS DIVIDED AMONG
THE TWELVE TRIBES
English Miles
0 10 20 30 40
The Cities of Refuge are underlined thus Golan
Sidon
Zarephath
R. Leontes (Litany)
Tyre
Baal Gad
MT. LEBANON
ANTI-LIBANUS
R. Abana
DAMASCUS
MT. HERMON (SION SIRION)
DAN
Laish or Dan
Abel-beth-maachah
Kedesh
Hazor
Waters of Merom
Geshurites
ASHER
Abdon
Achzib
Dabbasheth
Acco
Hannathon
Sea of Chinnereth
MANASSEH (beyond Jordan)
Golan
Aphek
Ashteroth Karnaim
Edrel
Cabul
ZEBULON
Rimmon
Beth-arbel
Hammath
Bethlehem
Daberath
Japhia
MT. TABOR
Chisloth Tabor
Endor
Nain
Shunem
Jokneam
Dor
Hadad Rimmon
Jezreel
Taanach
Bethshan
LAND OF TOB
En-gannin
Megiddo
Dothan
Jabesh-gilead
MANASSEH
Thebez
Tirzah
MT. EBAL
Shechem
Josephs Tomb
Jacobs Well
MT. GERIZIM
Ramoth Gilead
Succoth
R. Jabbok
River Jordan
Lebonah
Shiloh
EPHRAIM
Mahanaim
Japho
Ono
Beth Dagon
DAN
Gimzo
Gibeah
Baal Hazor
Bethel
Rimmon
Beeroth
Ai
Michmash
Ramah
Gibeon
Jericho
Gilgal
Rabbath Ammon
Beth-nimrah
Abel Shittim
Beth Haran
Beth Jeshimoth
Jabneh
Ekron
Ajalon
Anathoth
BENJAMIN
MT. OF OLIVES
Ashdod
Timnath
Zorah
Zanoah
JERUSALEM
Rachels Tomb
Elealeh
Heshbon
Baal-meon
Beth-Shemesh
Zelah
Bethlehem
Gath
Jarmuth
Etam
Azekah
Socoh
Gedor
Tekoa
JUDAH
REUBEN
Mareshah
Eglon
Nezib
Beth-zur
Halhul
Gaza
Lachish
Beth Tappuah
Adoraim
Hebron
Hazazon Tamar
Engedi
Dibon
Aroer
Debir
Ziph
Anab
Carmel
Maon
Eshtemoa
Jattir
Keilah
Arad
Ar (Rabbath) Moab
Kir Moab
Brook Zered
Valley of Salt
Ziklag
Beer Sheba
Aroer
Gerar
En-Rimmon
Socoh
Brook Kanah
Brook Sorek
Valley of Sorek
Valley of Elah
Valley of Hebron
Valley of Zeiim
Valley of Gerar
Valley of Beer Sheba
Valley of Aroer
Valley of Ziklag
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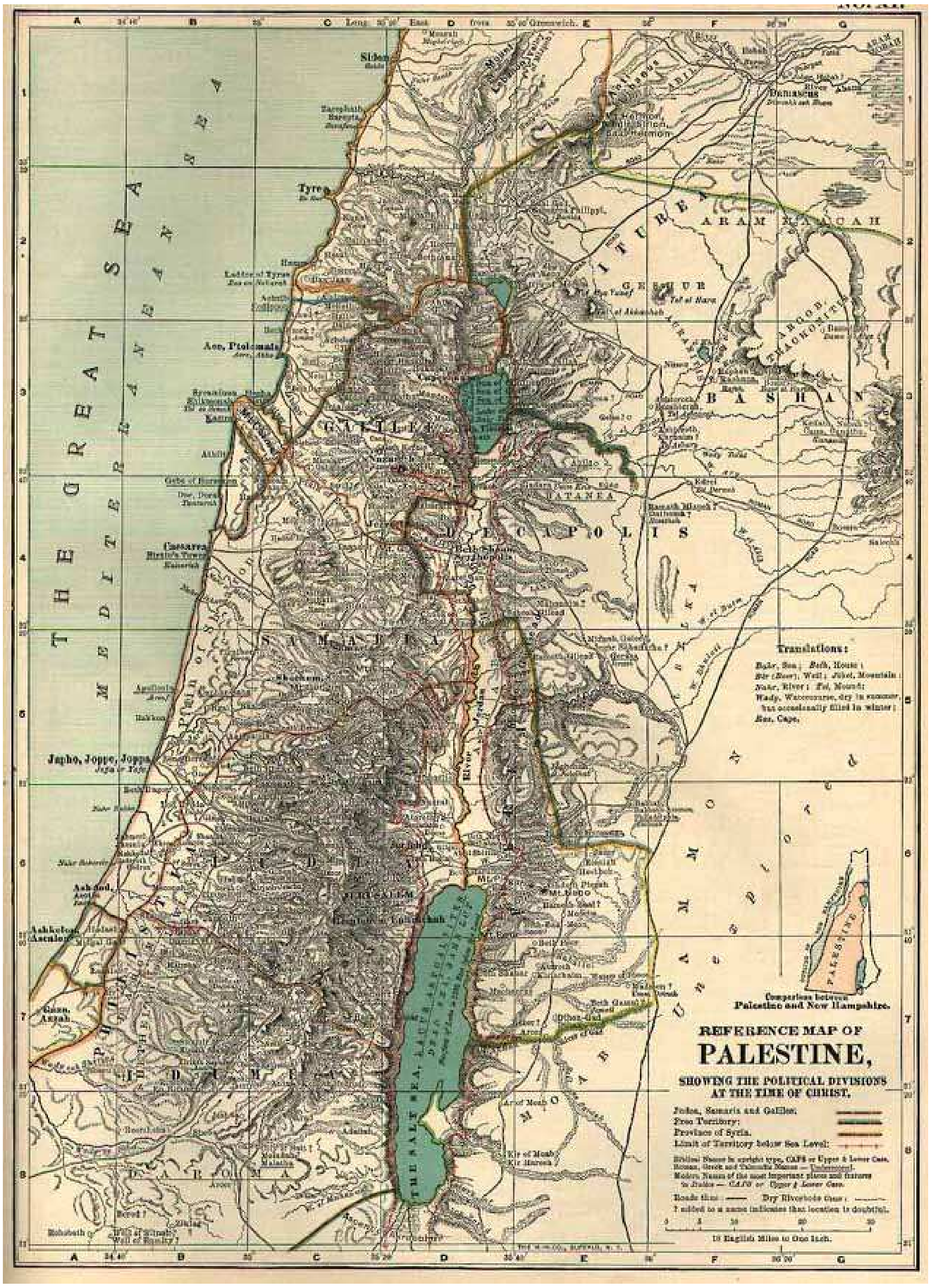
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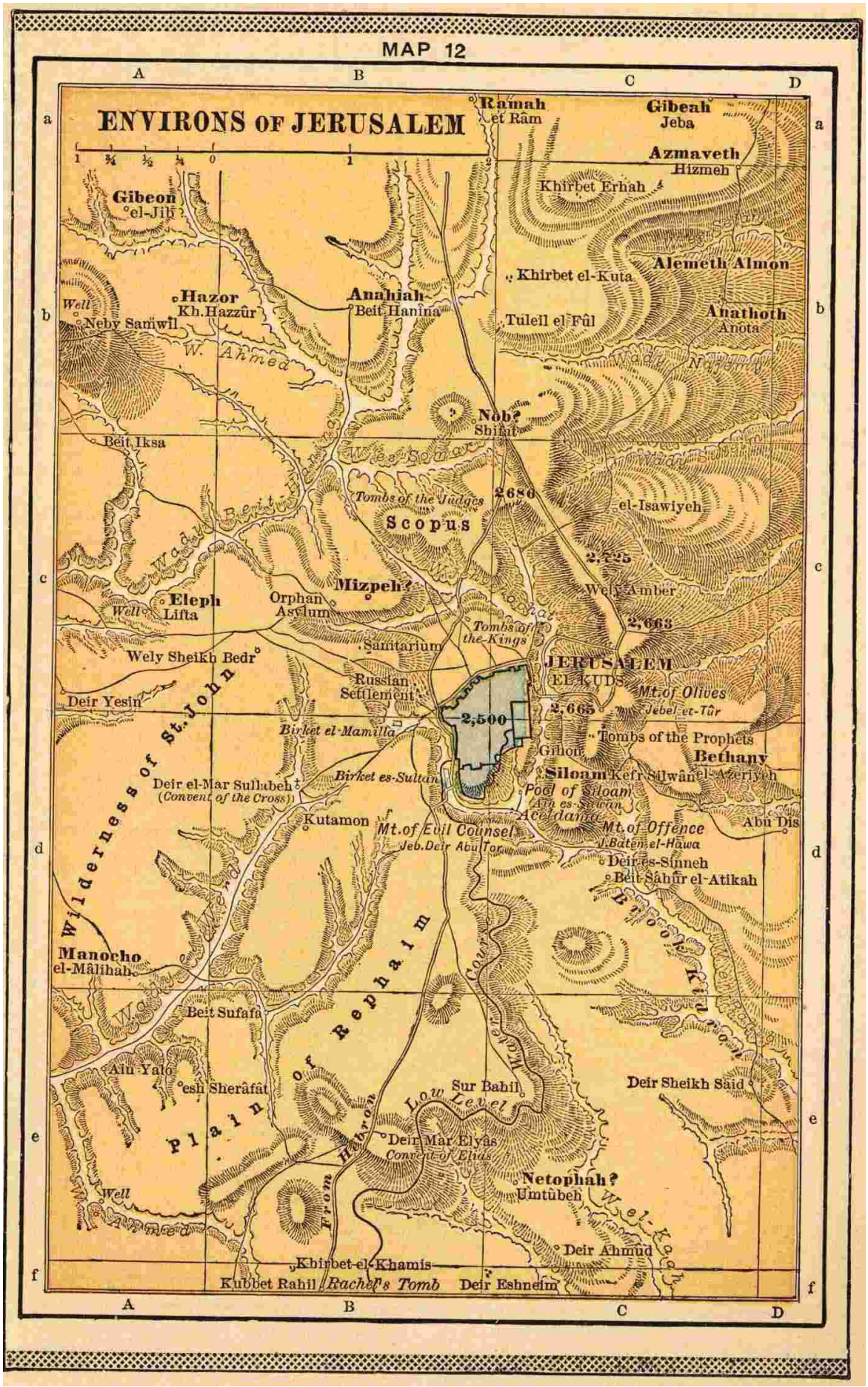
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ENVIRONS OF JERUSALEM
Ramah
et Râm
Gibeah
Jeba
Azmaveth
Hizmeh
Khirbet Erhah
Gibeon
el-Jib
Alemeth Almon
Khirbet el-Kuta
Hazor
Kh. Hazzûr
Anahiah
Beit Hanina
Anathoth
Anota
Tuleil el Fûl
Neby Samwil
W. Ahmed
Nob?
Shîfat
Beit Iksa
Tombs of the Judges
2,686
el-Isawiyeh
Scopus
2,625
Wely Amber
Mizpeh?
Eleph
Lifta
Orphan Asylum
2,663
Tombs of the Kings
Samitarium
Wely Sheikh Bedr
JERUSALEM
EL KUDS
Russian Settlement
Mt. of Olives
Jebel et-Tûr
Deir Yesin
2,500
2,665
Birket el-Mamilla
Tombs of the Prophets
Gihon
Bethany
el-Azeriyeh
Siloam
Kefr Silwân
Deir el-Mar Sullubeh
(Convent of the Cross)
Birket es-Sultan
Pool of Siloam
Ain es-Sitwan
Aceldama
Kutamon
Mt. of Evil Counsel
Jeb. Deir Abu Tor
Mt. of Offence
J. Baten el-Hawa
Abu Dis
Deir es-Sinneh
Beit Sâhûr el-Atikah
Wilderness of St. John
Manocho
el-Mâlihah
Beit Sufafa
Plain of Rephaim
Ain Yalo
esh Sherâfât
Sur Bahil
Low Level
Deir Sheikh Said
Deir Mar Elyas
Convent of Elias
From Hebron
Netophah?
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Khirbet el-Khamis
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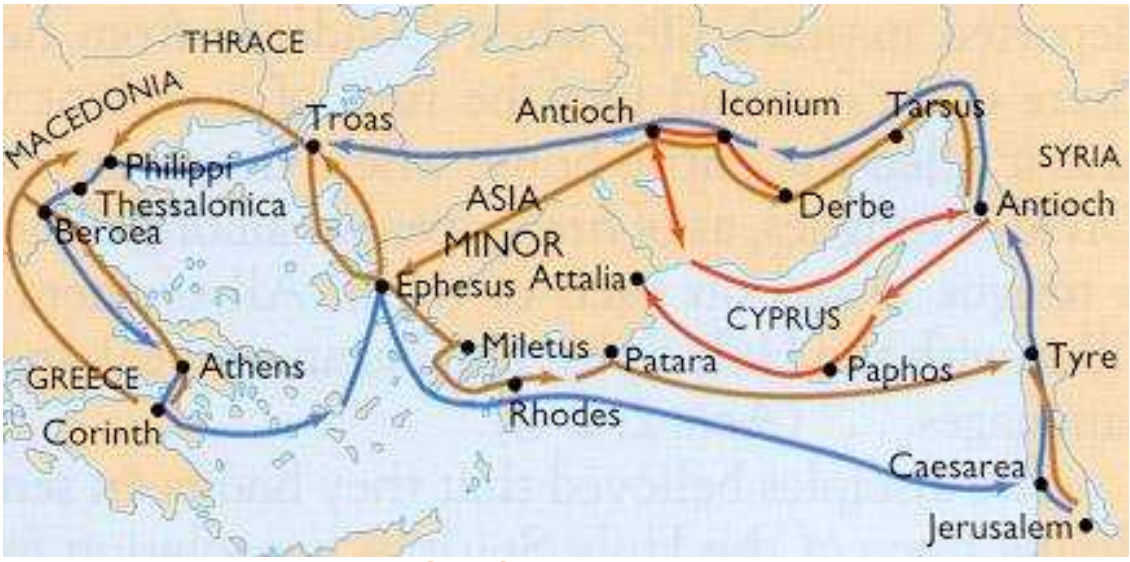
Rachel's Tomb
Deir Eshneim



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